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PEARS ENTANGLEMENTS

Thompson, Lodge counseled against entanglements in European affairs. "Involvement of the note, with its idea of a world guaranty of peace, would involve such entanglement in contravention of the traditional American policy of aloofness," Lodge declared.

"When we abandon the traditional policy of separation," he continued, "we are taking on a long and we ought to know where we are going."

"I think the people who are fighting the war ought to make their own peace," Senator Lodge said. "Neutrals are specifically excluded by the German reply."

"The Senator bitterly denounced 'Administration secrecy.' He declared against American interference in European affairs; held Europe ought to settle her own peace, and criticized the Administration for seeking a blanket endorsement to its entire negotiations."

"I shall resist the attempt to bring the Senate into approving blindly any steps of which we are not informed," he said. "We do not ask what the President is doing, but if any approval of his acts is wanted, we ought to know what we are approving."

Discussing Secretary Lodge's reply to the press gallery and mentioned the stories from abroad which said Count Andriassy declared at Budapest that President Wilson knows Germany's peace terms.

"MOVING IN THE DARK" "These terms," he said, "may have come to President Wilson in other than the usual channels. It is entirely within his discretion to have these come secretly, but when our cooperation is invited, we are entitled to have the same information that the President has."

"We ought not to be asked to act in the dark," Lodge said with emphasis. He presented various notes reported in the press, growing out of present peace overtures. "I have no official copies," he said sarcastically. "So I've got to do the best I can with press reports."

"This is an apt time for this Government to precipitate itself into the argument in the face of the reply of the British Government to Germany's note," Lodge asked, turning to Senator Hitchcock. "We do not want to find ourselves at the head of the parade."

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It is stated that the Allies would welcome an opportunity to hear Germany's terms, if it is thought probable that the President would proceed to act.

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British Army Scandal Report Strikes Woman

Continued from Page One. The report calls attention to the fact that it is contrary to the regulations for a War Office official to enter into private correspondence on official matters, and also says: "Regret is expressed that a letter sent by Lord French to the War Office was not accurately worded as to be capable of mis-interpretation. In any case, a portion of the letter was in the nature of an advice report on Brigadier General Owen Thomas and should have been communicated to that officer at the time."

It is also reported that Lord French should have concurred in the terms of the War Office letter of July 25 to Brigadier General Thomas, which letter must have confirmed the latter's suspicion of Brigadier General Thomas. The court of inquiry consisted of Field Marshal Sir William Nicholson, formerly Chief of General Staff; Major General Lord Chelmsford; Justice Sir James Richard White and the Right Honorable Donald Maclean, member of Parliament for Paisley and Selkirk.

Mrs. Cornwallis-West is the eldest daughter of the Rev. Frederick Fitzpatrick, and a granddaughter of the second Marquis of Headfort. She was married in 1872 to William Cornwallis-West, of Turbin Castle, county Down, who has been Lord Lieutenant of Denbighshire for forty-four years and is an honorary colonel of the Fourth Battalion of Royal Welsh Fusiliers. He is the grandson of the second Earl of Delawarr and is eighty-one years old.

Field Marshal Viscount French, whose name is mentioned in connection with the investigation, was until December, 1915, in command of the British forces in France. In the House of Lords in November, 1915, Lord French charged incompetence and neglect of work against the British staff in France. He asserted that men had been added to the staff for no military reason, and visited the British headquarters in France.

The correspondence indicates on the part of Sir John Cowans not merely indignation, but departure from official propriety, says the report. Many others are involved in the affair. The lady's husband, Colonel Cornwallis West, of Turbin Castle, Denbighshire, was not mentioned.

Sir Arthur Balfour, Marquis, Liberal member of Parliament, who died last August, demanded an inquiry in the House of Commons into the Barrett case, and was succeeded by Irish members, who declared that a young Irish officer's honor was involved.

According to a statement in the House of Commons before recess, he was completely covered by his commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel Dehu-Rodcliffe, was removed from his command, and General Sir John Cowans was censured but was returned because of his good work. General Viceroy Thomas, who was also concerned, was vindicated.

Barrett was a sergeant in the Welsh Fusiliers. Colonel Dehu-Rodcliffe and other officers recommended him for a commission late in 1915, and his claims were supported by Colonel and Mrs. Cornwallis-West and several prominent civilians.

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GERMANY WILL LIST ITS PEACE DEMANDS

BERLIN, Jan. 4.—Permanent reports from Berlin and Switzerland today indicate that Germany is to make a reply to the Allied refusal of peace terms, and in that reply will list its demands and conditions—aroused the greatest interest here today.

London, Switzerland, had reports of this nature. From Rome came news that the newspaper, "Corriere," declared by receipt of information that Germany was preparing a counter reply which would be "less ambiguous as to conditions of peace, and permitting a first point of contact in peace negotiations."

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NEW STADIUM PROJECT ASSURED, SAYS FOGEL

Option on Circus Ground Site Already Obtained, According to Promoter

Virtual assurance of the erection of a great stadium on the plot known as the Circus Grounds, at the intersection of Eighth street and Hunting Park avenue, was given today by Horace S. Fogel, former president of the Philadelphia National League Baseball Club and managing director of the Philadelphia stadium project.

An option on the site at a satisfactory price was obtained Saturday and active plans for the promotion of the work will be carried out immediately, according to Mr. Fogel.

The central committee of promoters which Mr. Fogel represents is working in conjunction with more than thirty uptown business, trade and improvement associations. According to Mr. Fogel, these bodies include the following: North Philadelphia Business Men's Association, Toga Business Men's Association, Colnechick Business Men's Association, North Philadelphia Real Estate Broker's Association, Toga Improvement Association, Logan Improvement League, Falls of Schuylkill Business Men's Association, Central Germantown Avenue Business Men's Association, Fern Rock Improvement Association, Hunting Park Improvement Association, Stanton Park Improvement Association and Germantown Business Men's Association.

"We will not be ready to announce the details of the financial plans until the central committee has had a general meeting with the allied committees from the various organizations," said Mr. Fogel, "but

it is certain all of them will get a liberal allowance of the stock to be issued. "The stadium will be a civic project with a good stockholders as care to subscribe to the amount of stock to be issued. It will be a good investment for those who are lucky enough to get stock in the corporation, not only paying good dividends, but obtaining valuable privileges for the holders."

"The University of Pennsylvania will find it cheaper and more advantageous to schedule its athletic contests in our stadium than to invest the money in a stadium of its own. Penn could not get any bigger crowds at its Woodlands Cemetery site, because of poor transit facilities and lack of auto parking space, than it can now at Franklin Field."

"There will be parking space for 25,000 autos within a reasonable distance, not counting a monster garage to be included in the stadium plans. We plan to have a seating capacity of about 110,000."

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Wilson May Offer Mediation to Powers Continued from Page One created the impression in official circles here that von Bethmann-Hollweg does not share the views of other German officials that further efforts toward peace at this time would be hopeless. The liveliest interest is taken in the sudden arrival last night of Colonel E. M. House, who, more than any other individual, has been looked upon as President Wilson's adviser on European peace prospects. On his arrival in Washington, Colonel House was met at the station by a White House automobile and was taken at once to the Executive Mansion, where he always makes his headquarters when here. It is not known how long he will remain. Should the President decide upon a direct offer of mediation, it is stated, the move would not be made until after he and Secretary of State Lansing have had an opportunity to make a careful study of the Entente reply. It is hoped, the reply yields to the pressure that is known to have been brought to bear by influential English advisers of the British Foreign Office and sets forth in some degree the peace terms offered by the Entente.

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